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POST OFFICE NAME CHANGES
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The recording and deliniation of changes in post office names would, at face value, appear to be a simple task. A change in the name of an office was made, the change was duly reported to the Post Office Department, and the Department recorded the change: end of problem. For the student of postal history, however, the question of post office name changes only appears to be simple. When research is extended beyond the simple observation of Post Office Department records, particularly into the question of determining the actual location of the postal facility, the problem becomes much more complex. It is soon obvious, when attempting to fit Department records to known physical locations, that the Post Office Department in Washington cared little about actual locations, and was more concerned with administrative continuity. Thus, a postmaster might "take" the post office name with him to a new appointment in a completely different location.

There are additional sources of confusion in the researching of name changes. One of the most bothersome is the minor changes in spelling which occurred often in early-day post office names. Such changes reflected errors in the original recording of orders of establishment, attempts at rendering Spanish names into English, adjustments of names to fit contemporary usage, and the shortening of cumbersome names to mention but a few. A particularly common practice was the collapse of a two-work name (Deer Trail) into one word (Deertrail). This effort was in vogue during the mid-1890s, and since that time most of those changes have reverted back to their original form. Changes of this type are sometimes complicated by the fact that the dates of the change were not recorded, and it becomes necessary to locate postmarks or other data to established the date of change. As a general rule, name changes which involve only a change in form and have not been recorded in Post Office Department records have been excluded from this study.

When the sources of confusion and error are recognized, it is evident that a researcher attempting to compile a "complete" list of post offices for a state should be able to interpret and reconcile the changes in names that occurred. It therefore seems desirable to list the possibilities which exist to describe the continuity of a post office.

1. Post office¹ established; currently in operation, no change in location¹, no change in name. (Ex: Colorado Springs)
2. Post office established; since discontinued, no change in location, no change in name. (Ex: Colorado City)
3. Post office established; currently in operation, no change in location, name has been changed. (Ex: Black Hawk, formerly Black Hawk Point)
4. Post office established; since discontinued, no change in location, name was changed during operation. (Ex: Bald Mountain, formerly Nevada)
5. Post office established; discontinued or operating, location of the office has been changed, no change in name. (Ex: Dillon, operating; Placerville, discontinued)

¹Same location does not refer to the same building, but means that the office remained in the same townsite throughout its existence.

6. Post office established; discontinued or operating, no change in location, the spelling of the name has been changed. (Ex: Pine River changed to Pineriver, discontinued; Walsenburgh changed to Walsenburg, operating) In some cases the spelling may have reverted to the original form, i.e., Deer Trail to Deertrail to Deer Trail.
7. Post office established; administration and/or responsibility were moved to another townsite, and the office adopted the name of the new location. (Ex: Mountain City "became" Central City)
8. Post office established; administration and/or responsibility were moved to another townsite, but the old name was retained. (No example known for Colorado)
9. Post office established; discontinued and later re-established at the same townsite with a new name. (No example known for Colorado)
10. Post office established; no change in location, name changed. Office discontinued and later re-established at the same site with the original name. (Ex: Pallas changed to Higgins, then Higgins discontinued, later re-established as Pallas)

There is an additional possibility which, although no change in post office name is involved, can create a good deal of confusion for a postal historian attempting to accurately locate offices in time and space. In 1884, a post office was requested for the townsite of Magnolia in Arapahoe County. However, there was already a post office operating in Colorado's Boulder County named Magnolia, and so the new office was given the name "Duff." Several similar situations are known to exist, and they can be extremely confusing unless handled carefully.

While the two situations covered in 8 and 9 above are hypothetical on the part of the author when applied to Colorado, the complexity of patterns of changes known to have occurred in the state suggests that somewhere examples will be found of Colorado offices which fit these descriptions.

The complex tangle of information which characterizes research into the problem of post office name changes presents both a mystery and a pleasure to the collector or postal historian. Without the confusing and sometimes contradictory data, life would be much easier, but so too would the fun be gone. Through cancellations, corner cards, and other annotations, post office name changes can be documented and presented as a highly interesting postal history exhibit.

The following list presents, as recorded by the Post Office Department, the changes in name for those offices located within the borders of the present State of Colorado. The offices are listed in alphabetical order, according to the original name as provided in the first column. The date of name change is recorded in the second column, and the new name appears in the third column. If more than one name change occurred, the later names and dates are listed on succeeding lines. The last column identifies the county in which the office is now located, or was located at the time it was discontinued.

If the county name is preceded by "#", then the office was at one time listed as being located in another county. This reflects primarily the fragmentation of Colorado's original counties into the present number of 63, but on some occasions post offices are known to have physically moved from one county to another.

The notation "*" is used to indicate that a name has been applied to a particular post office more than one time. The notation appears before the original name for each office, but the name used in repetition is not necessarily the original.

The dates given for changes prior to 1931 are those listed in the series, "Records of Appointments of Postmasters - Colorado." Dates listed in this series can not be taken as "gospel" due to the slowness of 19th century communications, errors in recording and a variety of other factors, but in most cases they are the only dates available. The post-1931 dates are only approximate, and for the most part indicate the month and/or year in which the change was reported in supplements to the annual U.S. Postal Guide.

No attempt has yet been made to sort out the name changes according to the classification system described above. That refinement will require considerable further effort, and is currently being researched by John Willard, James Ozment and the author. Appreciation is expressed to John Willard of Denver who has, through correspondence, helped develop the concepts expressed in this article.

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CHANGES IN POST OFFICE NAMES IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, 1859-1969

| Original name | Date changed | Changed to | County (final) |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| ALAMO | 09- -38 | BUTTE VALLEY | Huerfano |
| ALICANTE | 04-22-87 | CLIMAX | Lake |
| ALLEN | 03-11-92 | GATEVIEW | Gunnison |
| ALTMAN | 02-20-95 05-12-99 | MACON INDEPENDENCE | # Teller |
| ALVA | 09-18-88 | IDALIA | # Yuma |
| AMES | 06-03-22 | OPHIR (new) | # San Miguel |
| AMETHYST | 02-09-09 | CREEDE | # Mineral |
| APACHE | 11-10-82 | HUERFANO | Huerfano |
| ARBOURVILLE | 08-15-81 | CONROW | Chaffee |
| ARGENTA | 08-23-80 | TOMICHI | Gunnison |
| ARKANSAS | 03-28-81 | SALIDA | Chaffee |
| ARNOLD | 03-30-00 | WILLARD | Logan |
| ARTESIA | -66 | DINOSAUR | Moffat |
| * ASHCROFT | 08-05-81 01-03-82 | CHLORIDE ASHCROFT | # Pitkin |
| ASPEN JUNCTION | 06-19-95 | BASALT | Eagle |
| AURARIA (K.T.) | 02-11-60 02-13-66 | DENVER CITY (K.T.& C.T) DENVER | # Denver |
| AURORIA (N.T.)** | 04-27-60 | COLONA (N.T.) | ? |
| AYLMER | 09-18-06 | BOWEN | Las Animas |
| BALTIMORE | 10-26-04 | TOLLAND | Gilpin |
| BARLOW | 03-28-84 | GLENWOOD SPRINGS | Garfield |
| BARR | 10-17-14 | BARR LAKE | # Adams |
| BARR | 12-07-93 | ANACONDA | # Teller |
| BASSETTS MILLS | 01-04-72 10-01-78 | SOUTHWATER HUSTED | El Paso |

** The location of this office within the present confines of the State of Colorado has not been verified.

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| * BEE | 08-20-87 10-15-87 10-27-87 | SHERIDAN LAKE (rescinded) BEE SHERIDAN LAKE | Bent |
| BENNET | 06-01-07 | BENNETT | # Adams |
| BERKELEY | 05-18-96 | ALCOTT | # Denver |
| BIEDELL | 04-28-84 | CARNERO | Saguache |
| BIG SANDY | 11-24-88 | CALHAN | El Paso |
| BIG THOMPSON | 01-10-78 | LOVELAND | Larimer |
| BIJOUVIEW | 06-10-21 | BIJOU VIEW | Morgan |
| * BLACK HAWK POINT | 02-08-71 01-30-95 07- -50 | BLACK HAWK BLACKHAWK BLACK HAWK | Gilpin |
| BLAINVALE | 09-10-84 10-02-84 | LOYTON STUNNER | # Conejos |
| BOONEVILLE | 12-05-91 | BOONE | Pueblo |
| BOWERMAN | 05-27-10 | WAUNITA HOT SPRINGS | Gunnison |
| BOWSER | 10-10-88 | FLAGLER | Kit Carson |
| BOX ELDER (1) | 12-26-77 | BRISTOL | Larimer |
| BOX ELDER (2) | 10-30-94 | BOXELDER | Larimer |
| * BROWN | 10-01-91 06-02-92 06-04-96 | MENOKEN (rescinded) BROWN OLATHE | Montrose |
| BROWNSVILLE | 12-01-75 01- -96 | SILVER PLUME SILVERPLUME | Clear Creek |
| BUFFALO | 02-21-83 | MERINO | # Logan |
| * BUICK | 03-23-18 05-01-18 | BEUCK BUICK | Elbert |
| BURLINGTON | 04-14-73 | LONGMONT | Boulder |
| BURROWS PARK | 09-28-82 | WHITE CROSS | Hinsdale |
| BUSH | 09-10-85 | ADAMS | Larimer |
| CABLE | 01-30-95 | GENOA | Lincoln |
| CACHARAS | 09-20-72 | CUCHARAS | Huerfano |
| CALCIUM | 03-31-90 | THOMASVILLE | Pitkin |

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| CALVERT | 08-08-88 | FLEMING | Logan |
| CAMP SPEER | 02-14-19 11-02-21 | BUNELL FITZSIMONS | Adams |
| * CANON CITY | 07-30-04 12-15-04 | CANYON CITY CANON CITY | Fremont |
| CARNERO | 03-18-84 | GREEN | Saguache |
| CASE | 06-24-13 | IRVING | Douglas |
| CASTLE | 09-03-91 | EAGLE | Eagle |
| CASTLE ROCK | 05-18-74 | DOUGLAS | Douglas |
| CATLIN | 11-04-95 | MANZANOLA | # Otero |
| CENICERO | 03-14-02 | LOBATOS | Conejos |
| CENTERVIEW | 07-01-99 | CENTER | Saguache |
| CHAFFEE | 05-14-83 | MONARCH | Chaffee |
| CHALK CREEK | 09-08-80 | NATHROP | Chaffee |
| CHAPEL | 01-03-95 | GRAYCREEK | Las Animas |
| CHAPMAN | 04-23-88 | NEW CASTLE | Garfield |
| CHEROKEE CITY | 11-25-63 05-16-70 | LATHAM EVANS | Weld |
| CHIPETA | 09-15-82 | NATURITA | # Montrose |
| CLAREMONT | 03-24-06 | STRATTON | # Kit Carson |
| CLONMELL | 02-07-01 | CRAMER | Fremont |
| CLIFF | 04-05-23 | CLIFFDALE | Jefferson |
| * COAL CREEK | 05-31-94 -64 | COALCREEK COAL CREEK | Fremont |
| COAL PARK | 05-13-95 | COALPARK | Boulder |
| * COALRIDGE | 10-06-92 10-23-93 | VULCAN (rescinded) COALRIDGE | Garfield |
| COLFAX | 01-16-79 | BLUMENAU | # Custer |
| COLOFLATS | 07-30-18 | BRANSON | Las Animas |
| CONDON | 05-23-92 | VERNON | # Yuma |
| CONGER | 01-31-81 | ARGENTINE | Summit |

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| * CONGER | 07-15-95 | PALLAS | |
| | 03-23-06 | HUGGINS (disc. 09-15-08) | |
| re-established | 08-21-12 as | PALLAS | |
| | 03-13-26 | PINNACLE | Routt |
| COOPER | 09-28-82 | TAYLOR | |
| | 07-31-86 | COOPER | |
| | 02-06-90 | TENNESSEE PASS | # Eagle |
| COPPER | 03-02-99 | IONIA | Mesa |
| COPPERTOWN | 10-01-29 | COPPER SPUR | Eagle |
| CORDOVA | 09-09-89 | WESTON | Las Animas |
| CORINTH | 08-12-87 | MINNEAPOLIS | # Baca |
| CORNWALL | 11-20-82 | JASPER | Rio Grande |
| CORRIZO | 12-14-07 | CARRIZO ** | Baca |
| CORYELL | 01-08-90 | STANLEY | Costilla |
| COTTON CREEK | 02-13-95 | MIRAGE | Saguache |
| CUCHARA CAMPS | -57 | CUCHARA | Huerfano |
| CUENIN | 05-21-92 | COCHETOPA | Saguache |
| CURRANT CREEK | 10-02-94 | CURRANT | Fremont |
| DAFFODIL | 02-19-08 | DECKERS | Douglas |
| DALLAS DIVIDE | 07-23-09 | NOEL | San Miguel |
| DANIELS | 10- -54 | EDGEMONT | Jefferson |
| DAWKINS | 02-21-07 | PINON | Pueblo |
| DAYTON | 11-30-68 | GRANITE | # Chaffee |
| * DEER TRAIL | 05-17-94 | DEERTRAIL | |
| | 10- -50 | DEER TRAIL | Arapahoe |
| DEER VALLEY | 11-20-78 | BAILEY | Park |
| DELAWARE CITY | 07-13-75 | PRESTON | |
| | 01-18-84 | BRADDOCK | Summit |

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| DELHI | 04-19-13 | BLOOM | # Otero |
| DELPHI | 04-18-98 | WALSTREET | Boulder |
| DERBY | -63 | COMMERCE CITY | Adams |
| DEVINE | 06-20-99 | BLACK MOUNTAIN | Park |
| DILLINGHAM | 03-20-16 | DE NOVA | Washington |
| DODSONVILLE | 04-17076 | LINWOOD | Las Animas |
| DOLOMITE | 08-27-90 04-22-95 | HIGGINS NEWETT | Chaffee |
| DOLE ROCK | 04-04-11 | LONGVIEW | Jefferson |
| * DOYLEVILLE re-established Gilman, and order | 04-09-82 03-24-83 changing | GILMAN (disc. 02-05-83) as DOYLEVILLE (the order name were rescinded) | disc. discontinuing Gunnison |
| DUNCAN | 08-17-16 01-23-22 | GOTERA LONE OAK | Las Animas |
| DYKE | 10- -50 | CHIMNEY ROCK | Archuleta |
| EAGALITE | 08-26-01 | PLATEAU CITY | Mesa |
| EASTON | 09-28-83 | EASTONVILLE | El Paso |
| EATONTON | 09-28-83 | EATON | Weld |
| EDGERTON | 08-28-02 | PIKEVIEW | El Paso |
| EDWEST | 12-26-19 | DELHI | Las Animas |
| EL MORO | 01- -96 | ELMORO | Las Animas |
| ELGIN | 09-10-85 | WAUNITA | Gunnison |
| EMPIRE CITY | 05-07-86 | EMPIRE | Clear Creek |
| ENTERPRISE | 03-11-81 | PLATTE CANON | Jefferson |
| EPHRAIM | 06-02-88 | SANFORD | Conejos |
| FAIR PLAY | 10-01-24 | FAIRPLAY | Park |
| FAIRMOUNT | 02-07-06 | SWINK | Otero |
| FAIRVILLE | 02-23-82 04-19-00 | SLAGHTS SHAWNEE | Park |
| FERGUSON | 07-01-91 | ANTLERS | Garfield |
| FORD | 09-10-85 | TEXAS CREEK | Fremont |
| FORD | 03-31-17 | WAGES | Yuma |

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| FORKS CREEK | 06-04-95 | FORKSCREEK | Jefferson |
| FORT LEWIS | 10-10-91 | HESPERUS | La Plata |
| FORT LUPTON | 01-18-69 | WELD | Weld |
| FORT WISE | 08-02-62 | FORT LYON | # Bent |
| * FREMONT | 12-09-91 02-04-92 06-20-92 | MORLAND FREMONT CRIPPLE CREEK | # Teller |
| * GARIBALDI | 01-19-72 10-12-94 07- -50 | VILLA GROVE VILLAGROVE VILLA GROVE | Saguache |
| GARRISON | 07-17-96 | HOOPER | # Alamosa |
| GEBHARD | 04-24-82 | AGATE | Elbert |
| GLENDALE | 05-08-09 | PENROSE | Fremont |
| GLENHAM | 07-28-74 | BARELA | Las Animas |
| GLORY | 02-01-25 | BEECHER ISLAND | Yuma |
| GOLDEN CITY | 06-27-76 | GOLDEN | Jefferson |
| GOMER'S MILLS | 06-27-82 | ELBERT | Elbert |
| * GRAND LAKE | 01-30-95 04- -38 | GRANDLAKE GRAND LAKE | Grand |
| GRAY | 07-16-89 | COPE | Washington |
| GRAY'S RANCH | 02-06-66 | TRINIDAD | # Las Animas |
| GREEN CANON | 08-11-10 | BEACON | Las Animas |
| GREEN CITY | 04-14-74 12-02-96 | CORONA WIGGINS | # Morgan |
| * GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS | 09-28-94 06-25-01 | GREEN GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS | El Paso |
| GRIFFITH | 11-19-24 | FALFA | La Plata |
| GROMMET | 01-13-08 | OXFORD | La Plata |
| HALL VALLEY | 11-05-94 | HALLVALE | Park |
| HARRIS | 06-05-08 | WESTMINSTER | # Adams |
| HARRISBURG | 09-21-88 | LINDON | # Washington |
| HAWTHORNE | 05-01-30 | ELDORADO SPRINGS | Boulder |

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| HAXTUM | 01-17-22 | HAXTUN | # Phillips |
| HAYDEN CREEK | 02-10-80 01-31-87 02-16-91 | PALMER HENDRICKS COALDALE | Fremont |
| HENDERSON | 09-10-85 | SEDGWICK | # Sedgwick |
| HIGHLANDLAKE | 01-29-10 | HIGHLAND LAKE | Weld |
| HIGHLANDTOWN | 10-15-84 | HIGHLANDS | Arapahoe |
| HILL TOP | -96 | HILLTOP | Douglas |
| HILLERTON | 11-20-82 | ABBEEVILLE ** | Gunnison |
| HILLSBOROUGH | 04-12-91 | HILLSBORO | Weld |
| HILTONVILLE | 09-24-75 | WHEATLAND | # Larimer |
| HOPE | 11-24-90 | SNOWDEN | Lake |
| HORTENSE | 06-20-84 | HAYWOOD | # Chaffee |
| * HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS | 06-26-94 02-15-12 | SULPHUR SPRINGS HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS | Grand |
| HUERFANO | 01-20-79 | UNDERCLIFFE | # Pueblo |
| HUERFANO CANON | 10-16-90 | TALPA | Huerfano |
| HUERFANO CANYON | 12-15-71 | GARDNER | Huerfano |
| HUGHES | 08-04-79 | BRIGHTON | # Adams |
| HUMBAR | 10-27-87 | TROY | Las Animas |
| HUNTSVILLE | 12-13-71 | LARKSPUR | Douglas |
| HUTCHINSON | 11-16-94 | CONIFER | Jefferson |
| IDAHO | 04-07-76 | IDAHO SPRINGS | Clear Creek |
| IDAVILLE | 05-23-96 | GUFFEY | Park |
| ISLAND STATION | 03-01-94 | HENDERSON | # Adams |
| * JEFFERSON | 12-12-73 06-06-08 10- -50 | MORRISON MOUNT MORRISON MORRISON | Jefferson |

** The actual day of change is difficult to read, and could be 20, 25, or 28

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| JENNISON | 04-25-79 | TIMBER HILL | Hinsdale |
| JONES | 05-25-83 | ARLINGTON | Mesa |
| JOSIE | 01-04-83 | NAOMI | Summit |
| JOYCOY | 03-15-27 | PRITCHETT | Baca |
| JOYLAN | 07-07-20 09-01-30 | STARBUCK IDLEDALE | Jefferson |
| * JULESBURGH | 09-10-62 01-20-64 05-03-06 04-08-69 01-07-85 05-26-86 | CLEAR WATER JULESBURGH FORT SEDGWICK JULESBURGH DENVER JUNCTION JULESBURGH | # Sedgwick |
| JUNCTION CITY | 12-12-16 | COALVIEW | Routt |
| JUNCTION HOUSE | 07-16-66 | FORT MORGAN | Weld |
| JUNIPER | 09-04-19 | JUNIPER SPRINGS | # Moffat |
| KAISERHEIM | 02-04-18 | GROUSEMONT | Park |
| KATRINA | 09-12-07 | MORLEY | Las Animas |
| KEZAR | 06-24-96 | IOLA | Gunnison |
| KINKEL | 10-07-11 | BURNT MILL | Pueblo |
| KLINE | 04- -53 | MARVEL | La Plata |
| KRAFT | 05-08-88 | BROWNS CANON | Chaffee |
| * KREMMLING | 10-24-91 06-19-95 | KINSEY KREMMLING | Grand |
| LA PORTE | 12-21-94 | LAPORTE | Larimer |
| LA SAUSES | 02-28-95 | LASAUSES | Conejos |
| LADORE | 03-25-24 | LODORE | Now in Daggett Cty. Utah |
| * LAIRD | 02-17-92 01-25-99 | SEEBARSEE LAIRD | # Yuma |
| LAJARA | 05-15-84 | NEWCOMB | Conejos |
| LANGDON | 11-24-11 | CRYSTOLA | Summit |
| LANGFORD (1) | 05-19-92 | MARSHALL | Boulder |
| LANGFORD (2) | 08-31-99 | GORHAM | Boulder |

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| LARIAT | 04-16-84 02-18-86 | HENRY MONTE VISTA | Rio Grande |
| LARIMER | 01-21-14 | MUSTANG | Huerfano |
| LAURETTE | 12-21-65 | BUCKSKIN | Park |
| LAVETA PASS | 04-13-11 | VETA PASS | Costilla |
| LAWRENCE | 02-11-84 | DALLAS | # Ouray |
| LE ROY | 08-02-95 | LEROY | Logan |
| LEFT HAND | 12-26-79 06-04-95 | GOLD HILL GOLDHILL | Boulder |
| LEIMAN | 10-04-11 | STILLWATER | Grand |
| LIMON STATION | 11-14-03 | LIMON | Lincoln |
| LITTLE ORPHAN | 09-12-65 | BADITO | Huerfano |
| LITTLE THOMPSON | 04-04-78 | BETHOUD | Larimer |
| LOMA | 01-28-73 | DEL NORTE | Rio Grande |
| LONE DOME | 12-06-94 | LONEDOME | Montezuma |
| LOS PINOS | 02-23-77 | COCHETOPA | Saguache |
| LOS PINOS | 02-25-99 | BAYFIELD | La Plata |
| LOWLAND | 01-15-09 | WAYNE | El Paso |
| LYMAN | 02-15-95 | ELYRIA | # Denver |
| MACE'S HOLE | 10-25-76 | BEULAH | Pueblo |
| MADRID | 09-29-92 10-23-93 | SMITH CANYON ** MADRID | Las Animas |
| MAHONVILLE | 09-18-79 | BUENA VISTA | # Chaffee |
| MAINARD | 08-02-05 | LOMA | Mesa |
| * MANITOU | 02-02-85 05-20-92 01- -36 | MANITOU SPRINGS MANITOU MANITOU SPRINGS | El Paso |

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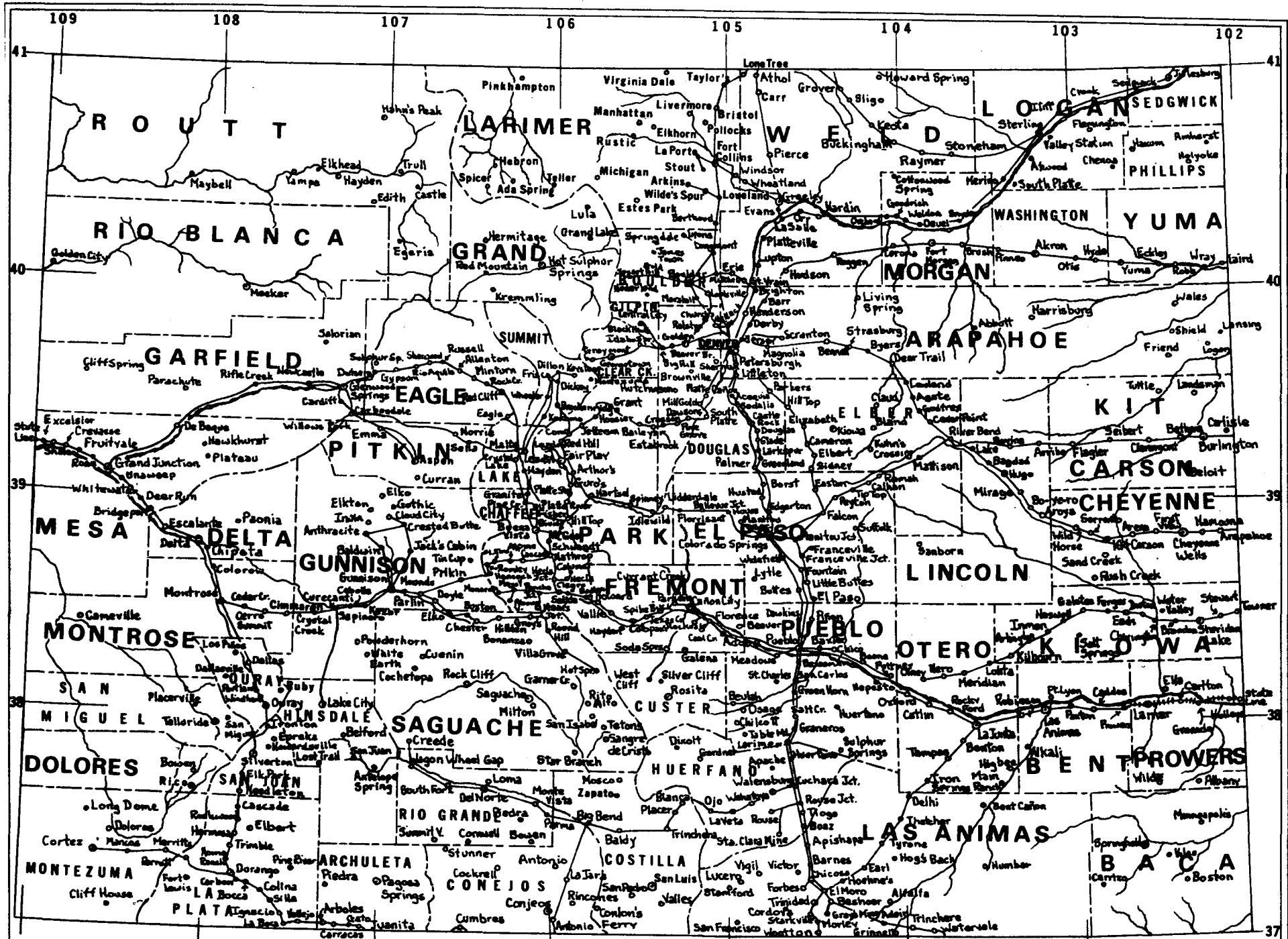
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| * MARBLE | 02-04-92 03-02-92 | CLARENCE (rescinded) MARBLE | Gunnison |
| MARSHALTOWN | 01-26-82 | SARGENTS | Saguache |
| MATTISON | 02-17-15 | MATHESON | Elbert |
| McFERRAN | 07-30-96 | NEWFIELD | El Paso |
| McGUIRE | 04-13-11 07-01-24 | CAMP SHUMWAY GORDON | Huerfano |
| McMILLIN | 04-16-87 | TOLEDO | # Prowers |
| MEREDITH | 06-25-90 | ORDWAY | Otero |
| MESA | 03-04-84 | FRUITA | Mesa |
| MIDDLE BOULDER | 03-02-74 | NEDERLAND | Boulder |
| MODOC | 10-31-79 05-02-95 | NI WOT NIWOT | Boulder |
| MONTGOMERY CITY | 10-31-72 | DUDLEY | Park |
| MORAINÉ | 01-27-02 | MORAINÉ PARK | Larimer |
| MORGAN | 02-15-83 07-18-07 | DEUEL WELDONA | # Morgan |
| MORGAN | 05-14-01 | FREEDOM | Conejos |
| MOUNT CARBON | 06-26-09 | BALDWIN | Gunnison |
| MOUNT SNEFFELS | 04-03-95 | SNEFFELS | Ouray |
| MOUNTAIN CITY | 10-08-69 | CENTRAL CITY | Gilpin |
| NAVAHO SPRINGS | 04-01-15 | TOWAOC | Montezuma |
| NEVADA | 12-16-69 | BALD MOUNTAIN | Gilpin |
| NEW LIBERTY | 06-18-84 08-19-11 | NEW WINDSOR WINDSOR | Weld |
| NEW MEMPHIS | 05-18-74 | CASTLE ROCK | Douglas |
| NEWMIRE | 05-17-13 | VANADIUM | San Miguel |
| NI WOT | 10-02-79 | ALTONA | Boulder |
| O. Z. | 08-08-89 | RAMAH | El Paso |
| OLAVA | 01- -48 | GRANT | Park |
| OLNEY | 03-24-09 | OLNEY SPRINGS | # Crowley |

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| OREAN | 02-28-87 | MONTVILLE | Costilla |
| ORR | 12-20-94 | KERSEY | Weld |
| * OXFORD | 09-06-90 03-20-00 03-31-00 | FOWLER ALEXANDER (rescinded) FOWLER | # Otero |
| PAIGE CITY | 08-01-61 | LINCOLN CITY | Summit |
| PALISADES | 11-01-24 | PALISADE | Mesa |
| PARACHUTE | 08-19-04 | GRAND VALLEY | Garfield |
| * PARMA | 10-11-87 re-established 03-27-06 | LIBERTY (disc. 04-30-98) as PARMA | Rio Grande |
| PEACH BLOW | 08-21-09 | SLOSS | Eagle |
| PEMBERTON | 04-14-02 | WESTCREEK | Douglas |
| PENEOLD | 05- -37 | GOULD | Jackson |
| PETRA | 09-04-82 | STOUT | Larimer |
| PINE | -61 | CONIFER | Jefferson |
| PINE GROVE | 03-17-82 | PARKER | Douglas |
| PINE RIVER | 04-14-94 | PINERIVER | La Plata |
| PINNACLE | 03-13-26 | TROUT CREEK | Routt |
| PLATTE CANON | 12-19-79 | DEANE | Douglas |
| PLATTE STATION | 11-05-94 12-12-94 | PLATTE (rescinded) PLATTE STATION | Park |
| PLATTE VALLEY | 11-02-81 | HARDIN | Weld |
| PLEASANT VALLEY | 07-26-82 | HOWARD | Fremont |
| POOL | 01-22-20 | MILNER | Routt |
| PULASKI | 11-02-86 | HOEHNE | Las Animas |
| QUARTZVILLE | 09-01-79 | PITKIN | Gunnison |
| QUEBEC | 02-18-84 09-26-94 | SCISSORS CAPPS | Huerfano |
| RADIANT | 04-20-15 04-16-26 | PYROLITE KENWOOD | Fremont |
| RANGLEY | 09-10-85 | RANGELY | # Rio Blanco |

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| RATON | 04-19-81 | ALFALFA | Las Animas |
| * RAVENS | 05-21-86 03-23-88 04-28-94 05-27-02 | RAVENSBEQUE DE BEQUE DEBEQUE DE BEQUE | |
| RED CLIFF | 02-07-95 | REDCLIFF | # Eagle |
| RESORT | 01-03-81 | VERMILION | Jefferson |
| RIO BLANCO | 07- -50 | RIO BLANCO | Rio Blanco |
| ROAN | 09-11-94 | RHONE | Mesa |
| ROBY | 10-26-12 | MODEL | Las Animas |
| ROCKDALE | 04-12-82 | ROCKVALE | Fremont |
| ROCKLAND | 05-20-15 | SOLAR | Huerfano |
| RONDEBUSH | 04-02-83 | MITCHELL | # Eagle |
| RUSSELLVILLE | 09-08-62 | FRANKTOWN | Douglas |
| SAINT CLOUD | 02-14-13 | CHEROKEE PARK | Larimer |
| SAN ANTONIA | 08-07-76 09-27-11 | APISHAPA AUGUSTA | Las Animas |
| SAN ANTONIO | 01-24-81 | ANTONITO | Conejos |
| SAN JOSE | 12-18-78 | GRINNELL | Las Animas |
| SAN PEDRO | 05-23-79 | STARKVILLE | Las Animas |
| SANATORIUM | 09-01-28 | SPIVAK | Jefferson |
| SANBORN | 06-03-05 | KUTCH | # Elbert |
| SEDGWICK | 01-12-85 | PARKVILLE | Saguache |
| SETON | 01-22-16 | SETONSBURG | Baca |
| SEWARD | 10-12-99 | CLYDE | # Teller |
| SEYMOUR | 02-21-96 | SAWPIT | San Miguel |
| SHEFFIELD | 01-20-92 | DENVER MILLS | # Denver |
| SKULL CREEK | 10- -49 | BLUE MOUNTAIN | Moffat |
| SNIPES | 05-03-06 | MOLINA | Mesa |
| SOUTH ARKANSAS | 03-13-77 11-22-24 | PONCHO SPRINGS PONCHA SPRINGS | # Chaffee |

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| SPANISH PEAK | 08-17-76 | LA VETA | Huerfano |
| SPRING GULCH | 04-19-95 | GULCH | Pitkin |
| SPURGIN | 12-16-27 | VIM | Weld |
| ST VRAIN | 02-11-75 | PLATTEVILLE | Weld |
| STREATOR | 12-30-90 | MOSCA | # Alamosa |
| SULPHUR SPRINGS | 12-23-74 | ROCKY | Park |
| SUMMIT | 11-17-80 | SUMMITVILLE | Rio Grande |
| SUMMIT PARK | 03-19-88 02-20-90 | MANITOU PARK WOODLAND PARK | # Teller |
| SYMES | 01-31-99 | SOUTH PLATTE | Jefferson |
| TAYLORVILLE | 11-12-92 | SWALLOWS | Pueblo |
| * TELLURIDE | 08-17-80 12-13-80 | FOLSOM TELLURIDE | # SAN MIGUEL |
| TEN MILE | 02-17-81 | ROBINSON | Summit |
| TEXAS | 01-21-84 | HILLSIDE | Fremont |
| THORNTON | 03-26-01 | WAGON WHEEL GAP | Mineral |
| TOOF | 01-08-83 04-11-02 | BEAVER CREEK BEAVER | Fremont |
| TOURAINÉ | 04-10-01 | CAMERON | Teller |
| TROUT LAKE | 06-29-92 | SAN BERNARDO | # San Miguel |
| * TRULL | 04-17-96 08-10-97 | PUMA TRULL | Routt |
| TUCK | 06-09-17 | UTLEYVILLE | Baca |
| TUMICHI | 08-23-80 | PARLIN | Gunnison |
| UNCAPAGHRE | 03-20-76 02-23-77 | UNCOMPAGHRE LOS PINOS | # Gunnison |
| UTE | 05-26-82 | GRAND JUNCTION | # Mesa |
| UTE | 04-27-00 | HUERFANO | Huerfano |
| VILLA PARK | 05-06-95 | VILLAPARK | Arapahoe |
| VIRGINIA | 02-08-71 02-12-72 | FROST'S RANCH ROCK RIDGE | Douglas |
| VIRGINIA | 02-28-80 05-07-95 | TIN CUP TINCUP | Gunnison |

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| WABASH | 12-01-11 | GIBSON | Saguache |
| WAIT | 03-27-00 | SUGAR CITY | # Crowley |
| * WALSENBURGH | 10-20-87 11-29-87 12-22-92 | TOURIST (rescinded) WALSENBURGH WALSENBURG | Huerfano |
| WARD DISTRICT | 09-11-94 | WARD | Boulder |
| * WASHBURN | 07-13-92 12-22-92 01-07-93 | DERBLAY (rescinded) WASHBURN HAZELTINE | # Adams |
| WATSON | 06-14-18 | GERBAZDALE | Pitkin |
| WEISSPORT | 03-22-87 04-26-87 09-11-94 06-17-12 | PALMER PALMER LAKE PALMER PALMER LAKE | El Paso |
| WEITZER | 07-22-18 | VROMAN | Otero |
| WENGER | 07-15-91 | MENGER | Las Animas |
| WEST LAS ANIMAS | 09-04-86 | LAS ANIMAS | Bent |
| WEST PORTAL | 12- -39 | WINTER PARK | Grand |
| WHITE PINE | 04-14-94 | WHITEPINE | Gunnison |
| WHITE RIVER | 08-23-80 | MEEKER | # Rio Blanco |
| WILLOW | 07-01-91 11-28-08 | CREEDE NORTH CREEDE | # Mineral |
| YAMPA | 08-28-89 | CRAIG | # Moffat |
| YETTA | 08-01-29 | TYRONE | Las Animas |
| ZITA | 09-16-10 | GALETON | Weld |
| ZUCK | 03-29-95 | BARTON | Prowers |



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is with great pleasure that La Posta presents Bill Bauer's excellent study of Colorado name changes. Bill has been working on certain aspects of Colorado postal history for several years now, and along with his partners - Jack Willard and Jim Ozment - is currently engaged in a broad-based project which may ultimately make Colorado the best researched state in the West. Among the other aspects of Colorado's postal history currently under study, Bill describes an extension of his present work in the form of a review of town names that have been used at more than one locality, and a description of covers and cancellations which will permit unique identification of any given cover, but will also allow association with covers bearing similarities. We can all look forward to more exciting work by the Colorado Study Group of Jack, Bill and Jim.

The Colorado study appears at a particularly appropriate time, for this issue of La Posta is being sold over-the-counter at ROMPEX '70 in Denver. To those of you who may be reading La Posta for the first time, it should be mentioned that this is the research journal of the Mountain & Desert West Postal History Research Society and that the M&DWPHERS welcomes new members who are interested in participating in postal history research of the West. Membership and subscription information is available from the editor at the address below.

BULLETIN FOR NEW MEXICO TERRITORIAL COVER COLLECTORS. Sheldon "Doc" Dike reports that the Myrl W. Ball collection of New Mexico Territorial covers will be auctioned by Herman Herst, Jr. in early May. The sale will also include some of Mr. Ball's Arizona and Colorado material, but will be highlighted by the "finest N. Mexico Territorial group ever offered in a single sale."

We welcome the following new members of M&DWPHERS:

- 39. University of Wyoming Library, Laramie, Wyoming 82070
- 40. Mr. T. J. Woodhouse, Correctional Training Facility, P.O. Box 2530, Soledad, CA 93960

The next issue of La Posta will feature a piece on Dona Ana County, N.M. during the 1852-1859 period, notes on Alaska post offices of 20 years ago, and probably some other odds and ends. If you can help out, PLEASE DO SO. Our little bulletin is growing, and if you would like to have some influence on the direction and type of growth there is no better time than now. Keep those cards and letters comin'.....

Your editor succeeded in out-growing another house, and has been forced to move to a new address. Can you imagine how embarrassing it is to be the target of both the Government's campaigns against smoking and the population explosion?

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